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SUBJECT: MANDATORY BUNKERING ALLOCATION REGULATIONS:
BUNKERING FOR SHIPS

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1. SECTION 200.59 OF THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS CONTINUES BEYOND THAT WHICH WAS QUOTED IN REFTEL B. SECTION 200.59(D) STATES: "INDUSTRIAL USERS AND ALL OTHER USERS OF RESIDUAL FUEL OIL NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE SHALL BE ALLOCATED THEIR CURRENT REQUIREMENTS UP TO 100 PERCENT OF THEIR BASE PERIOD SUPPLY." AS NOTED IN SECTION 200.58(G), THE BASE PERIOD FOR RESIDUAL OIL IS THE CALENDAR 1973. THEREFORE FOREIGN-FLAG CRUISE SHIPS, APPEAR TO HAVE AN ALLOCAION OF 100 PERCENT OF THEIR 1973 SUPPLY. IT MUST BE RECALLED HOWEVER THAT THE PROPOSED MANDATORY ALLOCATION REGULATIONS DO NOT REPEAT NOT GUARANTEE TO THE USERS THAT WHICH IS ALLOCATED. THE ALLOCATION CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED AS AN ELIGIBILITY CEILING, WITH THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF SUPPLY DEPENDENT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF THE PRODUCT.

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2. RECALLING THAT SECTIONS 200.58 AND 200.59 DEAL SOLELY

WITH RESIDUAL FUEL, AND NOTING THAT FISHING VESSELS, ON
THE WHOLE, BURN DEISEL FUEL (MIDDLE DISTILLATE), IT IS
ASSUMED THAT THE PORTION OF THE ITALIAN FISHING FLEET WHICH

NORMALLY CALLS ON US PORTS FOR BUNKERS WILL NOT BE
AFFECTED BY THESE SECTIONS OF THE REGULATIONS. ACTUAL
ALLOCATION PRIORITIES FOR MIDDLE DISTILLATES FOR FOREIGN-
FLAG FISHING VESSELS ARE BEING SUMMARIZED AND WILL BE
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